



## ***Calling all Iowans in Chicago!***

**Please come and celebrate your connections to Iowa and Iowa journalism at the beautiful and newly refurbished Iowa Building in Hyde Park!**

**Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 4pm-7pm**

**Please join Cedar Rapidian and Hyde Park host Marcia Rogers in a fundraising reception for Iowa journalist Laura Belin, lead author of the Bleeding Heartland website and podcast “KHOI’s Capitol Week.” Light snacks and great political camaraderie will be provided at this historic pavilion. (Corner of E. 56<sup>th</sup> St. just west of DuSable Lake Shore Drive in Hyde Park, across from the Museum of Science and Industry.)**

**On the cusp of the DNC activities in Chicago, hear from Laura and others what is in store in Iowa politics and journalism, and why what happens in Iowa affects the country.**

*“Thousands of local newspapers have closed in recent years. Their disappearance has left millions of Americans without a vital source of local news and deprived communities of an institution essential for exposing wrongdoing and encouraging civic engagement. Of those still surviving, many have laid off reporters, reduced coverage, and pulled back circulation (“Local journalism in crisis: Why America must revive its local newsrooms” Clara Hendrickson Brookings, 11/12/19).*

Former editor and Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Michael Gartner has called Belin “probably the hardest-working — and perhaps the best — political reporter in the state” and “one of the best investigative reporters in the state.” Your [financial support](#) will assist one of the state’s leading sources for original political reporting and commentary. (Since Bleeding Heartland is an LLC, donations are not tax-deductible.)

You can read Laura’s work at <https://www.bleedingheartland.com/about> and <https://laurabelin.substack.com>

***We hope you’ll join us! Contact Marcia Rogers at 319-329-1897 or email [marciamathisonrogers@gmail.com](mailto:marciamathisonrogers@gmail.com)***